

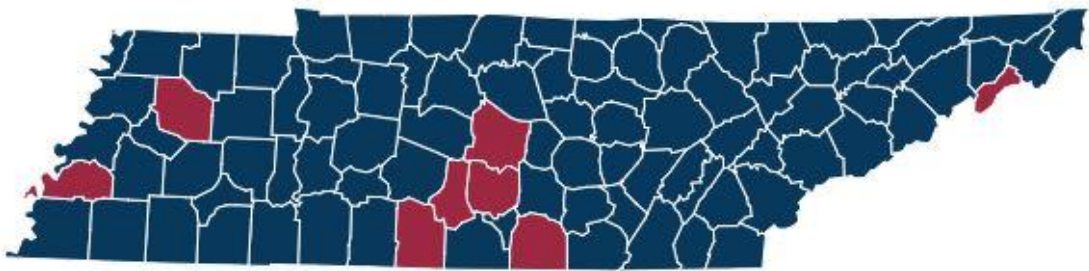


Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Comptroller Releases First Round of Clean Audit Reports

Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce that eight Tennessee counties have achieved a distinctive honor. Bedford, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Marshall, Rutherford, Tipton and Unicoi counties have all received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.



All eight annual audits were completed without any findings. Only a select number of Tennessee counties will receive an audit report without a finding indicating weaknesses or deficiencies in government operations.

These audits each revealed a strong system that allows for accurate financial reporting and clear checks and balances that help protect taxpayer money. The residents of these counties should be encouraged that county leaders and elected officials are taking their responsibilities seriously.

This achievement is even more significant for Tipton County which has received a clean audit report for the third year in a row. Bedford and Unicoi counties have each received their second consecutive clean audit.

“A clean audit is a positive sign that a county government is on track,” said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. “I commend all of the elected officials, leaders, and county staff who have committed to a well-run government. This is an accomplishment worth celebrating.”

Only 12 counties audited by the Comptroller’s Office received clean audit reports in fiscal year 2016. The Comptroller’s Office will continue to release fiscal year 2017 audits through March of 2018.

All eight audit reports can be found at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>.

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